

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Sean A. McCarthy

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For: *Novel CRSP-2 Protein Molecules and Uses*
Therefor (as amended)

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR §1.114 and a separate petition for a three-month extension of time. The following is in response to the Final Office Action (Paper No. 24) dated September 17, 2002.